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Sir,

It is reported that some soldiers belonging to the Arsenal while patrolling ~~in~~ patrolling in the vicinity of that institution about 4 a.m. 13th instant noticed a light in an untenanted house. They entered the premises and found two men, who had a box of bombs and a bag of gunpowder. They arrested the two men and took them to Headquarters where they were immediately tried and convicted. They were shot before day break.

It is reported that four rebels went to Woosung on 13th instant for the purpose of converting Deputy Military Governor Lu ~~to~~ for to their cause. They succeeded in getting an interview with the latter, who, on ascertaining their mission, gave orders that they should be shot which orders were immediately carried out.

It is reported that the rebels intend to start fires simultaneously at several places in the City. They propose to make an attack on the Arsenal during the commotion which results.

It is reported that the rebels have requested General Yang to declare independence. The latter only replied that he would maintain peace and good order.

At 7 p.m. 13th instant all persons on the streets in Chapei were searched.

About 3.40 a.m. 13th instant a shell fell in the country near Route Pore Robert in the French Concession. Nobody was injured, but the windows of the Gorman Medical College and St. Marie's Hospital were broken. Some trees were also broken by pieces of the shell which seems to have been powerful and destructive.

The train service from Shanghai to Hangchow has not been resumed but trains are running as far as Sungkiang.

It is reported that the relations ^{one bet. new} of General Yang and Deputy Military Governor Lu are somewhat strained as a result of differences regarding the policy to be adopted in connection with the declaration of independence by Chekiang. It appears that the

It is now suspected that a land mine was transported to the spot fired by a shell. That is not found was cast from a size of bomb 150-19 inches.



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latter wishes to send an expeditionary force against that province while General Yang wishes to remain on the defensive.

General Yang has notified his subordinates that any one discovered giving information as to what is transpiring in his headquarters will be shot.

Owing to a report that Canton intends to send warships to attack Woosung Forts all the cruisers at the Arsenal have gone down river to that place.

Your Obedient Servant,

William Armstrong

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.